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AMENDMENT

In the Specification

Please amend the paragraph on page 11, lines 17-29, as shown below.

FIG. 9 illustrates in greater detail the analysis step ~~[[305]]~~ 315 of FIG. 3 by showing an exemplary process for an event manager 140 to analyze security event data. The analysis of data may be initiated by a scheduled trigger within the event manager as in step 905 or in response to an external request from a user as in step 910. An analysis of data typically occurs over a defined time period. In step 915, client 115 inputs a particular start time or the scheduled start time is sent to the analyzer module 265. The event manager 140 supports a variety of analyses to be performed on the collected security event data. These analyses are stored as procedures in the analyzer storage module 230 on the database server 145. For example, an exemplary analysis procedure may compare the source address for security events detected by different security systems located throughout the network. Another exemplary analysis procedure may compare security events and known vulnerabilities for a particular network. The event manager's ability to perform these analyses on a much larger scale of data than traditional approaches supports more effective security monitoring and response to security events.